

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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John McMahon suggested that we provide this
for background for the Chaffee Briefing.

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Committee on Exchanges

COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES

History.

--An interagency committee to review exchanges has existed since the mid 1950's.

--The current Committee on Exchanges (COMEX) was established in 1975 and operates under DCI Directive 2/6.

--With the establishment in late 1981 of a new Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee (TTIC), COMEX will become one of the two permanent subcommittees (the other dealing with export control issues).

Principal Functions of COMEX.

--Ensures coordination of Intelligence Community interests in exchanges and commercial visits with USSR, Eastern Europe, and China.

--Advises State and other US Government agencies regarding technology transfer and intelligence implications of ongoing or contemplated exchanges and commercial contacts.

--Helps ensure adequate response to foreign intelligence collection opportunities afforded by exchanges and commercial contacts.

--Under Secretary of Defense Ikle recently asked that COMEX review the technology transfer implications of Libyan student and commercial visitors to the US.

Responsible Components.

--COMEX Members are from DoD, State, Commerce, Justice, and other elements of the Intelligence Community.

--Current COMEX staff consists of ☐ persons from NFAC and DDO (counting nonreimbursable detailees and part-time help).

--Efforts are underway to acquire a nonreimbursable detailee from the FBI and one from DoD.

--Current Chairman of COMEX is ☐ who also serves as Chief of the NFAC Collection Requirements and Evaluation Staff.

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